

June Lesson Ideas

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of June

June Book Ideas

Refer to the <u>TeachingBooks Literary Calendar</u> for curricular connections and birthday and holiday celebrations.

Grades	Title	Themes	Possibilities or Choose Your Own
PreK-2	My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero and Zeke Peña	Picture Book Realistic Fiction Latino/US	 Ask readers to share what their family members are good at after reading <u>My</u> <u>Papi Has a Motorcycle</u>. You can also read from Google Preview to start the discussion. Build additional connections with other books about food in the city such as <u>Chef</u> <u>Roy Choi</u> or <u>Harlem Grown</u>. Use the share tools to send <u>activity sheets</u> from Zeke Peña to parents. Provide paper and writing materials for children to create a map of their neighborhood using the guidance of the <u>activity ideas</u> from the Texas Library Association.
	*Also available in Spanish		
	Plenty of Hugs by Fran Manushkin and Kate Alizadeh	Picture Book Realistic Fiction LGBTQ+	 Brainstorm a list of items that might be seen on a bike ride. View the <u>complete book reading</u> of <i>Plenty of Hugs</i>. Stop the video at 5:05. Select "Discover Like Books" on the <u>book page</u> to find books that are related by subject, such as "Mother and ChildFiction" and narrow to PreK-2. Consider additional selections from <u>complete book readings</u> like <i>Bedtime for Sweet Creatures</i>, read by the illustrator, Elizabeth Zunon.
1-5	How I Learned Uri Shulevitz Uri Shulevitz	Picture Book Immigrant/Refugee Historical Fiction	 Prompt thinking with the <u>teacher's guide</u> from Storyline Online. Watch the <u>complete book reading</u> of <i>How I Learned Geography</i>. Create a writing/research activity where students research and draw a landmark using the <u>activity guide</u> from Storyline Online. Discover Shulevitz's illustration technique by listening to this <u>Meet-the-Author Recording</u>.



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1-5	Salma the Syrian Chef by Danny Ramadan and Anna Bron	Picture Book Realistic Fiction Middle Eastern	 Prepare for storytime with the <u>lesson plan</u> from Annick Press. Initiate discussion using this <u>book reading</u>. Invite readers to share food and recipes their families enjoy. Use the share link to send home the <u>recipe</u> from Kids Can Press.
4-8	THE Best Man by Richard Peck	Realistic Fiction LGBTQ+ Weddings	 Learn about "small-town life, gay marriage, and everyday heroes" with resources for <u>The Best Man</u>. Dig deeper into the story with the <u>reader's theater script</u>. Ask students to use the <u>Discover Like Books</u> tool to find a related book. Invite students to use Google Preview and Audiobook Excerpts to write a one-sentence book hook for what they selected.
	Carl Miaasen by Carl Hiaasen	Mystery Science Humor	 Introduce the author of <i>Hoot</i> to readers by sharing the <u>Meet-the-Author</u> <u>Recording</u>. Listen to the <u>book reading</u> then ask students to imagine how they think the characters' relationship might develop. Go on a wildlife scavenger hunt using the <u>lesson plan</u> from Walden Media. With inspiration from the novel, allow students to research endangered wildlife in their area.



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June Author Study Ideas

Eric Carle: Author Study	PreK-2	 Sort bug pictures into 3 columns using guidance from the <u>lesson plan</u> by Hubbard's Cupboard. Celebrate Eric Carle's June birthday with a <u>complete book reading</u> of <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> Paint pictures of butterflies after watching the <u>butterfly painting</u> video from Puffin Books. Create a caterpillar puppet with inspiration from the <u>puppet making activity</u> from Oregon Children's Theater. 	
	1-5	 Discover Eric Carle's process for creating illustrations in this <u>video interview</u>. View the <u>complete book reading</u>, in American Sign Language and English, of <i>Brown Bear</i>, <i>Brown Bear</i>, <i>What do You See</i>?. Investigate collage making with the <u>collage activity</u> from Puffin Books for <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar and</i> the <u>teacher resource</u> from Macmillan for <i>Brown Bear</i>, <i>Brown Bear</i>, <i>What do You See</i>?. Spark discussion about what a visit to the moon might look like after viewing the complete book readings of <i>Papa</i>, <i>Please Get the Moon for Me</i>, and <i>A Moon of My Own</i>. 	
	4-8	 Celebrate Eric Carle's birthday by reading and exploring his collection of <u>books</u>. Learn more about Eric Carle and his writing journey with these <u>interviews</u>. Show the video <u>interview</u> from Beyond Books to learn about Carle's journey as a writer and artist, then provide materials for students to create their own collages. Practice reading aloud with expression like authors do in this <u>Meet-the-Author Movie</u>. 	